

# Public Notice – Invitation to Comment

## THIRD REEDY LAKE BYPASS PROJECT, GOULBURN MURRAY WATER CONNECTIONS PROJECT

### Draft Environmental Report (EPBC 2016/7760)

(Public Comment Period: 21/11/2017 to 05/12/2017)

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Assessment of the project's (action) impacts on MNES are being assessed by the State of Victoria through the accredited Environmental Report process under Schedule 1 (item 2.1 (e)) of the Bilateral (Assessment Agreement) between the Commonwealth and the State. The draft Environmental Report being exhibited will address these potential impacts.

Public comment is invited on the Environmental Report prepared by GMW Connections Project between 21/11/017 to Tuesday 05/12/2017.

A copy of the exhibited documentation can be downloaded from both the Connections Project website and the department's website:

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- Shire of Gannawarra, 47 Victoria St, Kerang
- Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning,  
8 Nicholson St, East Melbourne, Victoria

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